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April 4, 2005

Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
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Washington, DC 20423-0001

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Re: Allegheny and Eastern Railroad, Inc. Rail Abandonment Exemption, Cameron  
County, Pennsylvania; STB Docket No. AB-854X

Dear Mr. Williams:

With respect to the above referenced matter which proposes the abandonment of the 18.9 mile rail corridor extending from Emporium, Cameron County, PA to St. Marys, Elk County, PA, on October 28, 2003, the Surface Transportation Board granted a Notice of Interim Trail Use to the Counties of Cameron and Elk for a period of 180 days. The 180-day period expired April 28, 2004. The Surface Transportation Board granted a 90-day extension to Cameron and Elk Counties which expired July 27, 2004; a 90-day extension which is to expire October 25, 2004; and a 180 day extension which is to expire April 23, 2005.

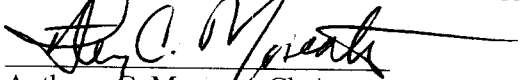
Representatives from Cameron County and Elk County have entered into negotiations with Allegheny and Eastern Railroad to acquire the corridor, however, an agreement still has not yet been reached and will likely not be reached prior to April 23, 2005. Allegheny and Eastern has not finalized abandonment and has indicated its willingness to continue negotiations. The County of Cameron, in cooperation with the County of Elk, is therefore requesting an extension of an additional 90 days commencing April 24, 2005.

The County of Cameron is forwarding a copy of this letter to Mr. David Collins, President of Allegheny and Eastern Railroad, 1200-C Scottsville Road, Rochester, NY, 14624, requesting that Allegheny and Eastern Railroad notify the Surface Transportation Board of its willingness to continue negotiations with Cameron and Elk Counties to acquire the corridor.

Thank you for your consideration. An additional ten (10) copies of this letter are enclosed for the Board's use.

Respectfully submitted,

CAMERON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

  
Anthony C. Moscato, Chairman

  
Glen D. Fiebig

  
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